

### **Status of Claims**

Claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1-33 are pending. Claims 1-33 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,117, over claims 1-19 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,118, over claims 1-29 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,120, over claims 1-20 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,121, over claims 1-28 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,128, over claims 1-18 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,130, and over claims 1-20 of copending Application Serial No. 09/100,131. Claims 1-3, 8-9, 15-17, 19, 21-23, and 26-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,745,360 to Leone (Leone). Claims 4-7, 11-14, 18, 20, and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leone as applied to claims 1-3, 8-9, 15-17, 19, 21-23, and 26-33 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,627,764 to Schutzman, *et al.* (Schutzman).

### **Rejection Under Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

Applicants respectfully submit herewith a “Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection” and the required fee. Applicants respectfully submit that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1-3, 8-9, 15-17, 19, 21-23, and 26-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Leone. Applicants respectfully traverse. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 to further clarify Applicants invention. Independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 have been amended to recite

that “the workflow process notifies at least one user that at least one action is required for the one or more non-markup language objects, wherein the at least one user is someone other than a creator of the one or more non-markup language objects.” As amended, independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 recite that a user is notified of a required action regarding one or more non-markup language objects. Additionally, independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 recite that the user that is notified is someone other than a creator of the one or more non-markup language objects. Leone does not appear to disclose such a system. The Office Action refers Applicants’ attention to Column 3, Line 12 - Column 4, Line 45. This passage, however, does not appear to disclose a workflow process as claimed by Applicants. Leone does not appear to disclose a workflow process that “notifies at least one user that at least one action is required for the one or more non-markup language objects, wherein the at least one user is someone other than a creator of the one or more non-markup language objects” as claimed. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons and notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-20, and 22-33 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

**Conclusion**

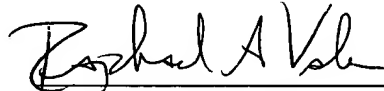
It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that the fee calculation in connection with filing this Response is correct. In the event that it is determined that the fee calculation is incorrect, however, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit the undersigned's deposit account number 50-0206.

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